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INNOVATIVE: Stan Thomas with his invention to tighten fence posts.

PENSIONER INVENTS HANDY FENCE FIXER

By Paul Giles

THEY say you can't teach an old dog new tricks – but 86-year-old Stan Thomas has some tips of his own to pass on.

The pensioner claims to have invented a cost-effective answer to fixing wobbly fence panels.

His simple system pulls the posts together to hug the panels tighter for just £9.99 – saving homeowners hundreds of pounds on repairs.

Stan said: "It's a great little invention that could potentially save people money because the panels don't blow out and break."

"It is a really simple thing to use and it can be done by one person."

Stan started working on his invention after moving into his Eastwood home 15 years ago.

He cleared the garden, in Green Lane, of old plants and put new ones in against his fence.

One windy morning, Stan discov-

ered that one of his fence panels had blown out.

It was then he started to think about his invention – which he calls the Thomclip.

Now, several years later, he has established a successful company with the same name.

The system allows the fence posts to be pulled together with a wire system and can also be used to train plants on.

Stan said finding the answer to

his problem had been long, but rewarding.

He said: "I had a bit of a nightmare when my fencing was replaced. But thanks to these trials, I've managed to get the right answer."

"I've had really good reports back so far from people that have been buying the product."

To find out more about the invention, or to buy a Thomclip, visit www.thomclips.co.uk.

Cafe wins award

TASTE Cafe at Shoeburyness Youth Centre has won a healthy eating award.

To qualify, a business must demonstrate good food hygiene and provide healthy and nutritious food for children.

Southend councillor for public protection, Tony Cox, congratulated Taste for winning the award.

He said: "This achievement sets a very good example to other eating places in the borough."

Recycle plastics

THE recycling service in Southend has been extended to cover hard plastics.

The additional service is available at Stock Road and Leigh Marshes Household Waste Recycling Centres.

The new service could divert an estimated equivalent of 30 more dustcart loads from landfill every year.

The move was introduced after feedback from residents taking part in a Cory Environmental survey.

Council praised

SOUTHEND Council's revenue and benefit staff have won an Excellence in Customer Service award.

Judges from the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation were given a presentation and saw the team in action.

Councillor for corporate support services, Andrew Moring, said: "The judges were impressed with the mobile service, which operates from libraries across the borough, giving advice face-to-face."

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Lines close on Thursday, October 20, 2011. Entries received after the closing date will not be counted but you may still be charged.

*Prize does not include drinks.

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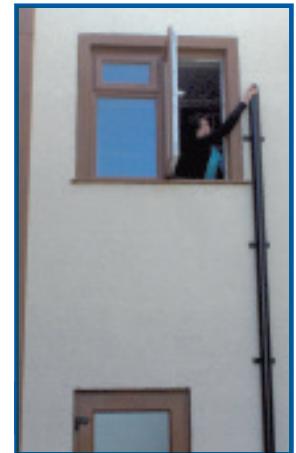
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Detectives call for potential witnesses to come forward



TRAGIC: Reece Lamude.

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of a man outside a Southend nightclub have released images of 10 witnesses they would like to talk to.

Investigators looking into the death of Reece Lamude, of Hillview Road, Rayleigh, want people who recognise the clubbers to come forward.

Reece, 37, was fatally injured in a fight outside Churchills Bar in Tylers Avenue, Southend, between 2.15am and 3am on Sunday, June 19.

He was discovered with neck injuries, although the specific cause of death is still in doubt.

Detective inspector Marina Ericson, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said that extensive enquiries were continuing to trace the people who were near to the entrance of the bar.

She said: "We know from CCTV footage that the 10 people in the pictures were close by or may have been watching while a disturbance was

going on near the club doorway.

"These people were not in any way involved, but they might hold vital information about the events that led to Mr Lamude's death."

"For the sake of his family, we need to talk to these people and establish exactly what happened."

DI Ericson said that the four young women in one of the pictures appear to be part of a group all wearing similar outfits.

The woman in the white dress was later pictured with the man in the blue top.

Anyone who knows the names of those shown in the pictures is asked to contact the SCD investigation team at Brentwood by e-mail on lamude.witnessappeal@essex.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101.

- Four men were arrested in connection with the death and are currently on police bail until November 16 pending further enquiries.



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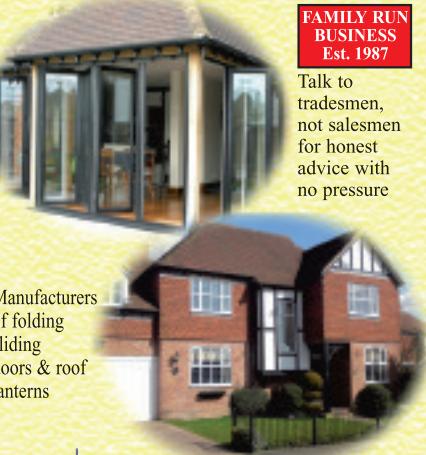
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Campaign against Southend paving

BLIND and partially sighted people will be joined by local pensioners to highlight the dangers of Southend's shared spaces this Saturday.

The move comes after many local people have said the shared spaces are 'no-go areas' for those with bad eyesight, due to no kerbs being present.

The meeting will be held at 12noon at Southend Victoria Gateway.

Charity night for epilepsy support

SOUTHEND Epilepsy Support Group will be holding a dinner and dance to raise awareness of the work it does.

The event will take place at Thorpe Hall Golf Club, Southend, on Saturday, November 5.

Tickets are available for £30 and the price includes a reception drink, four-course meal and live entertainment.

If you would like to book a ticket, contact 01702 366058.

House burgled in Westcliff

A HOME in Parkgate, Westcliff, has been broken into and £1,000 worth of items stolen.

Thieves broke into the property by smashing a rear window between 7.30pm and 8.50pm on Monday, October 3.

PC Reece Brent said: "I would appeal to any members of the community to come forward and assist me in this investigation.

"I would also like to encourage everyone to invest in double glazed windows where possible."

PC Brent can be contacted at Southend police station on 101.

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I Southend Design Awards

College named 'Best Building'

Conservation & Sustainability Award: Prettlewell Chapel, North Road Cemetery Architect: Urbanology

The judges said: "The renovation of the chapel building was of particularly high quality and has brought a new lease of life to this important historic landmark."

"The panel were particularly impressed with the way that the sustainability features and input from local school children had been sensitively integrated into the scheme."



New Build Commendation: University Square Student Accommodation, London Road Architect: Stephen Marshall Architects

The judges said: "This unique building has become a new landmark for the town centre."



FUTURES College has been named 'Best Building' at the Southend Design Awards.

The school, in Southchurch Boulevard, was the outright winner and the Futures' architects – Fraser, Brown MacKenna – won the New Build Award.

The prestigious awards ceremony, which has been held annually since 1994, is run by Southend Council.

A spokesman said: "The new college building is of exceptional design quality and every aspect of the building, from the overall vision to the smallest detail, has been carefully considered and fully integrated into the design."

"The sustainability and public safety aspects of the design were particularly noted and that the building has clearly had a positive effect on the pupils, which of course was its primary aim."

The judging panel was chaired by Southend's councillor for planning, Jonathon Garston, and included representatives from RIBA, RPTI, RICS and a local conservation society.

They judges awarded an unprecedented seven prizes because of the 'impressive quality' of entries, which included City Beach, Clements Arcade in Leigh Broadway, and new Student Accommodation, in University Square, Southend.



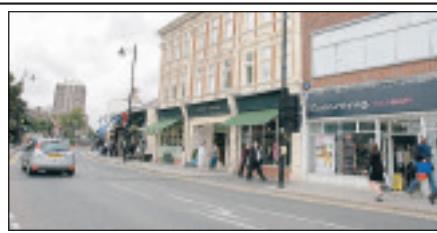
COLOURFUL: The award-winning Futures College.

Public Space Commendation:

City Beach, Southend
Architect: Gromtmij (formerly Whitelaw Turkington)

The judges said: "City Beach has transformed the central seafront area and succeeded in further improving the link from the High Street."

"The panel are of the opinion that this scheme will have a positive social and economic impact on the area and will make a huge contribution to Southend's tourist offer."



Small Projects Commendation: 14 Victoria Road, Leigh Architect: BDA

The judges said: "The reconstruction of the bay window at 14 Victoria Road has had a positive impact on the character of the existing building and the wider conservation area."

Conservation Commendation: Clements Arcade, Leigh Broadway Architect: Welton Bremner Partnership

The judges said: "The extension of Clements Arcade is well executed and has created an attractive shopping environment. The panel were particularly impressed with the quality of the stonework."

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APPRECIATED: Joe Carpenter is up for the Rail Newcomer of the Year award.

Airport worker in line for top award

A TICKET office clerk at Southend Airport's train station has been nominated as Rail Newcomer of the Year.

Joe Carpenter, 24, from Church Parade in Canvey Island, will find out if he is a winner in Birmingham on Saturday, October 29.

Joe said: "I come to work

every day with a smile and a cheery outlook.

"I know our attitude is also important to the Stobart Group, as with their famous Eddie Stobart truck drivers.

"I have met Stobart bosses Andrew Tinkler and William Stobart, who sometimes use the station, and I hope to make

them proud at the awards later this month."

Southend Airport managing director Alastair Welch described Joe as 'a strong member of a great station team'.

He said: "Everyone at the airport wishes Joe all the very best at the Rail Staff awards."

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Students showcase their work in Hadleigh Art Trail

STUDENTS have been showcasing their work in Hadleigh's first art trail.

Sevic College students Alex King and Lucy Jennings have been given the opportunity to exhibit their paintings until Saturday.

The pupils, both 17, from Leigh and Rayleigh, are currently studying for an extended diploma in art and design.

Tad Blower, the college's head of art, said: "The Hadleigh Art Trail is a real community event involving artists and community groups from the local area and it's great that Sevic is involved, too."

"The trail was a perfect opportunity for students to study marketing and design and it's a fantastic achievement for Lucy and Alex to have their designs chosen to publicise the trail."

The Hadleigh Art Trail started last Saturday and involves more than 40 artists.

As part of the trail, not only will open studios appear in shops, businesses and public spaces around Hadleigh town centre but also around the borough, including the Hadleigh's former fire station.

For more information about the Art Trail, call

01702 318171 or visit www.castlepoint.gov.uk/arttrail

TALENTED: Lucy Jennings and Alex King (inset) show off their work.

Pictures by Mark Cleveland



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Parking changes

CHANGES have been introduced to parking across Rochford district.

New machines now allow residents to buy tickets with credit and debit cards, as well as cash. There will also be the option to pay by mobile phone.

■ The half-hour time bracket has also been reintroduced in council-run car parks across Rochford district.

Rochford District Council has brought back the time zone after requests from customers and traders and feedback from surveys.

Church calendar

A RAYLEIGH church has launched a calendar for 2012.

Holy Trinity Church, in High Streets, will use all the proceeds from the calendar to help repair its tower and windows.

The calendar includes 12 seasonal views of Rayleigh.

Only 500 copies have been printed at a cost of £5.50 – for more information, call 01268 747053.

Sale success

MORE than £3,000 has been raised during a week-long garden sale in Thundersley.

Joyce Long MBE held the event at her home, in Park Lane, until Saturday. All proceeds will be going to Southend Hospital's Bosom Pals appeal.

Antique clocks were some of the items for sale at the event, which raised a total of £3,023.



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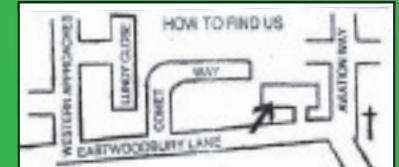
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New complementary health centre opens

A NEW centre offering people a wide range of therapies has opened.

The Therapy Life Centre, in Prittlewell Chase, is a one stop shop for people who are looking to improve their wellbeing.

Owner, Karen Revivio, said she had wanted to fulfil her ambition of getting some of the best therapists she knew under one roof.

Her inspiration to set up the centre was a book by Peter Jones called How To Do Everything and Be Happy.

Karen, from Silverdale Avenue, in Westcliff, said she always wanted to create a place that offered normal and alternative therapies.

She said: "It's bringing together all aspects of health in a broad sense.

"We have loads of really good therapists at the centre and it's a really good way for them to network as well as get hands on experience at trying different things.

"There are so many activities we do at the centre, anyone is welcome to come down and try them.

"The emphasis with Therapy Life Centre is upon treating the individual, based on that person's unique needs."

The centre offers massage, laughter yoga, physiotherapy, creative



recovery, antenatal classes and more.

For more information about the

centre and what's on offer, call 01702 433959 or visit www.therapylifecentre.co.uk

CENTRE: Karen Revivio with her team of therapists at the Therapy Life Centre. Picture by Martin Dalton

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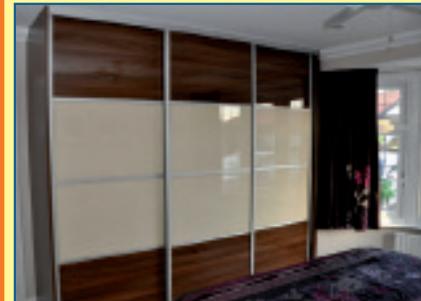
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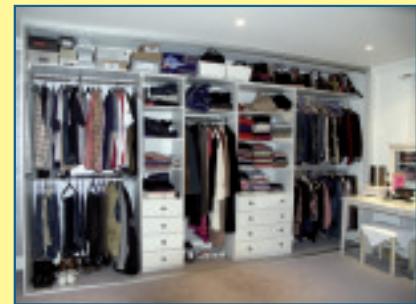
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Southend schoolboys helping the homeless

STUDENTS at Southend High School for Boys have been helping collect food to offer to the Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP).

The food will now be used to feed the vulnerable homeless people that use the charity.

In the past four years, the school has supplied HARP with more than 10,000 items.

Gary Turner, HARP's service operations manager, visited the school to thank the boys for their efforts.

He explained that HARP was hoping to provide up to 4,900 hot meals and approximately 2,000 food parcels this year.

He added: "This level of support from the school is so important in helping us to help

others who are less fortunate."

The school also responded to HARP's appeal for unwanted CDs and DVDs.

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Pop princess picks up honorary degree

By Pat Jones

SUPERSTAR Kylie Minogue swapped her sparkly stage costumes for a cap and gown to receive an honorary degree.

The Australian singer and actress joined other graduates to collect an honorary Doctor of Health Sciences award at Anglia Ruskin's Chelmsford campus last Wednesday, for her work promoting breast cancer awareness.

Kylie, who received her award alongside 224 students, said: "I was incredibly honoured by the ceremony and it was an inspiration to be among the graduates.

"Hopefully my award will help inspire both researchers into breast cancer and those affected by it."

The pop princess, who has had more than 30 top 10 UK singles in a career spanning more than two decades, was diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2005.

She subsequently underwent surgery and a course of chemotherapy, and spent a year focusing on her treatment and recovery.

She has been acknowledged for the impact she made by dis-



LUCKY LUCKY LUCKY: Kylie Minogue collects her honorary degree from Vice Chancellor Professor Michael Thorne and (inset) Olympic swimmer Mark Foster.

cussing her diagnosis and treatment.

Lord Ashcroft KCMG, Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin, said: "We make honorary awards to individuals of extraordinary talent who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field of endeavour. We hope that the recipients of these honorary awards will serve as examples to our graduates."

In total, 11 honorary degrees were presented at the Chelmsford campus. As well as Kylie, one of them went to Olympic swimmer Mark Foster, who grew up in Billericay.

He received a Doctor of Health Sciences award for being a role model for aspiring sports science students and sports enthusiasts.

Other distinguished names receiving honorary degrees last week included novelist Jilly Cooper and fashion designer Anya Hindmarch.

Scientists at Anglia Ruskin, based within the Helen Rollason Research Laboratory, are currently researching blood markers that could eventually help with the early diagnosis of breast cancer.

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Meeting to save Cricket Festival

A PUBLIC meeting is due to be held on Wednesday in protest at the axing of the Southend Cricket Festival for 2012.

The meeting has been called to protest against Essex County Cricket Club's decision not to stage the festival in Southend in 2012.

Southend Council has invited Essex County Cricket Club members, non-members and cricket lovers to the Civic Centre, in Victoria Avenue, at 6.15pm on Wednesday, October 12.

A council spokesman said: "The aim of the meeting is to demonstrate that the people of Southend feel very strongly about Essex County Cricket Club's decision not

to stage the festival next year, which they believe is wrong on many counts, and to call Essex CCC to account with the intention of overturning the decision."

Around 4,800 people attended the three days of championship cricket in Southend in 2011, compared with an average of around 3,000 per match at Chelmsford.

Essex County Cricket Club remains adamant that the decision is the right one.

Chief executive David East said: "The door has not been closed on future festival cricket in the south of the county, but at this time the club committee felt that our focus should be at Chelmsford."

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Landlord fined

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Terry Frost, of Cotswold Road, Westcliff, denied failing to comply with an Improvement Notice issued under the Housing Act 2004. However, he was found guilty after appearing at Southend Magistrates' Court.

Frost was fined £2,000 and

ordered to pay £1,500 costs plus a £15 victim surcharge.

The court heard how Southend Council had tried repeatedly to deal with the matter informally before finally serving the Improvement Notice in December 2010.

This listed a series of repairs required to bring the property up to the appropriate standard and allowed several months for the works to be completed.

They included renewing

defective windows, refurbishing the kitchen, improving security, work to minimise dampness and tackling a mouse infestation. But the Council was forced to prosecute after a re-inspection of the property revealed most of the repairs were still outstanding, even though the notice period had expired.

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Do you recognise these men?

By Matthew Stanton

SURVEILLANCE images have been released after a young man was knocked unconscious by a gang onboard a Southend train.

The British Transport Police want to talk to seven teens following an incident on a train between Southend Central and Benfleet train stations.

Police were called after the 22-year-old was attacked on a c2c train shortly after boarding it in Southend on Sunday, September 4, at around 5.45am.

Detective Constable David Bishop, the investigating officer, said: "The victim was set upon, and despite being knocked unconscious, the attack contin-

ued as the group kicked him in the face and torso."

"This type of incident is very rare on the railway and violence of this nature will simply not be tolerated."

"This man was set upon by a group and clearly had no way of defending himself."

"I am urging anyone with information to contact us immediately – your help could be vital to the investigation."

The man was left with severe bruising to his right eye, cuts across his head, ears and chin, and damage to his ribs.

When he regained consciousness, the victim left the train at Benfleet, where he was met by paramedics and taken to hospital.

Officers believe the assault may be connected to an earlier altercation that took place at Southend Central train station.

The group were all described as white, and aged between 17 and 22 years.

Detectives believe they have links to the Basildon, Benfleet and Canvey areas.

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Leona volunteers to help Hopefield

SINGER Leona Lewis intends to be a 'hands on' patron for a Brentwood animal sanctuary.

She showed her commitment in no uncertain terms on Sunday – completing a five-mile sponsored walk after an overnight dash from Cardiff, where she had appeared in a Michael Jackson tribute concert.

She then slogged her way over fields and footpaths with a determined band of Hopefield supporters – and made sure brother Bradley and nephew Brandon joined her, too.

"I had underestimated how far five miles actually is!" she said, when she returned to the Sawyers Hall Lane refuge to chat, sign autographs and pose for pictures.

"I am determined to do all I can to help here. I was so impressed when I met founder, Ernie Clark, before he died, so I am determined to see his legacy lasts."

Leona is working on a Christmas event where she will sing carols and hopefully entice other celebrities along too.

The keen animal lover, who shot to fame after she won the X Factor in 2006, has also become a trustee at the sanctuary.

Her agent, Nicola Carson, was brought up in Brentwood and knew Hopefield well, so she took Leona there – and it was love at first sight.

"I was so impressed with what was happening here, and with Ernie and his team. I just had to be part of it," she said.

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Illegal vehicles used

EXCLUSIVE by Matthew Stanton

PEOPLE using community transport in Essex have been put at risk by operators failing to MOT and insure vehicles.

Government inspectors investigated three schemes funded by Essex County Council, and discovered two were using illegal vehicles.

Essex County Council has refused to name the operators, but is continuing to pay for the transport schemes, which are used by elderly and disabled people.

The council is also refusing to say whether police have been notified. It is

an offence to drive without an MOT. The fine is a fixed penalty notice from the police, currently £60 or a court order up to a maximum of a £1,000.

In his report, which was sent to senior council executives, the inspector said the lack of an MOT certificate also invalidated insurance certificates.

A county council spokesman said the affected vehicles were removed from service until MOTs were carried out.

He said: "All community transport schemes have since had MOTs on every vehicle they operate checked. This was completed the following month."

"Since then, on site inspections have been undertaken and vehicle management processes audited for robustness."

One vehicle had been on the road six months without a valid MOT and insurance and another just over two months.

The inspector's report was sent to John Pope, the council's head of transportation; Don Gibson, community transport and community link manager; Robert Overall, executive director for environment, sustainability and highways; Margaret Lee, executive director for finance, and Lisa Wishart from the Audit Commission.

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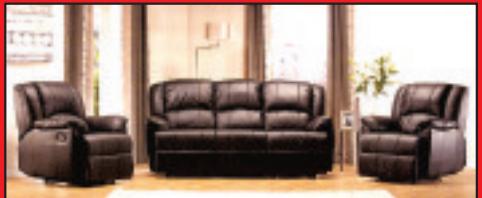
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Parking in Southend is so frustrating

IT has now become almost impossible to park in the vicinity of my home.

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This means a long walk home, sometimes in the dark, which can be quite dangerous in my area.

The council has put up the parking charges and therefore anyone who goes to work near the High Street will have to pay at least £10 or £15 in the Royals if they wish to stay for a working day.

Other areas where the Mayor and other council members live (eg Southbourne Grove, Westbourne Grove etc) have had their parking changed to prevent workers from parking.

They all have driveways and garages, which we do not, and it is getting continually more frustrating.

Gail Grindell, Southend

Shame on you, council

GUESS what, taxpayers of Basildon, Wickford and Billericay? Special collections for rubbish are now £10 per collection for a minimum of five items and over.

But hang on taxpayers, don't we pay Basildon Council a council tax premium and that covers refuse?

Another way for us to be ripped off to cover the costs of all the money Basildon Borough Council likes to spend and not put in to the local communities.

Even if you are on low income on social benefits you still have to pay.

The council is using the spending code OPM (Other People's Money) to build nice new offices, council office refurbishment etc, and what do we get out of it? Jack all.

Well done, Basildon Borough Council.

Andy Maskell, Basildon

Is Sadlers Farm meant to be getting better?

I WRITE with great frustration at the Sadlers Farm roundabout improvement scheme, which has again turned this roundabout into a functioning one directional roundabout rather than five mini roundabouts dotted round a large centre circle with traffic flowing both ways.

Saturday just gone heading London-bound, it took me 15 minutes to get from the two mini roundabouts at Tarpots to

Sadlers Farm, whereas before it would take less than a minute on a Saturday.

I know roadworks were ongoing, but still it was a functioning two-laned roundabout that obviously makes traffic flow worse.

While on the subject of improvements, is it not about time the mini-roundabout in Daws Heath Road, Hadleigh, – at the junction of Broomfield – be removed, as many drivers don't know their right from left and who gives way to who, thus just been past another accident.

I lived in Broomfield for eight years and Daws Heath eight years and this junction worked far better without a roundabout, which causes more problems than it solves.

Philip Morgan, via e-mail

Low-level crime is inexcusable

WE RARELY encounter war, earthquakes, famine and serious crime, yet we are confronted daily by low-level crime which causes anxiety.

Walk a quarter of a mile to witness some of the following: litterbugs, jaywalkers, graffiti, hooliganism, criminal damage, selfish cyclists, inconsiderate dog owners, mobile phone drivers and the plethora of egotistic acts committed from a pea

brain barbarian culture.

I recently saw an ambulance driver, steering with one hand while texting with the other.

Around 2003, the fine for a driver using a mobile phone was £30 and it was increased recently to £60.

These paltry amounts reveal that our representative legislators do not value life and limb. When bad people go unpunished, you punish the good.

What is disturbing about motorists with mobiles is not only do they endanger, but unashamedly flout the law in full public view – a two-fingered gesture to civilised behaviour.

This selfishness stems from excessive romanticism of the individual, to the majority's detriment.

Any suggestion that we curtail the excesses of others is met by banal arguments of the Big Brother society. Yet, these very excesses restrict the quality of our daily lives.

In the 1960s, 'the permissive society' referred mainly to the sexual revolution but now encapsulates a raft of permissiveness. Tolerating the intolerable is misguided and cowardly. A dichotomy exists; we proudly believe we live in a tolerant society, yet there prevails a rigidly politically correctness.

Participants and observers of the recent riots revealed ill-considered attitudes. Zero tolerance does work, but only if 'small' laws are rigidly enforced and perceived as such.

Our society is safer than many, but other cultures do not suffer from frequent, insidious, low-level crime.

In our communities – supposedly resembling the ideals of democracy – many feel helpless frustration about 'visual' crime.

This frustration can extend to the rest of the recently exposed iceberg of crimes: bankers, media empires, politicians, police and religious organisations.

One hope is that during economic crisis, priorities and values are reconsidered.

Geoff Licence, Westcliff

Well done to the award winners

WHILE I was unable to attend this year's Thurrock Civic Awards dinner, I would like to extend my congratulations to all those who took part and were issued awards, especially on the co-awarding of the Citizen of the Year Award to Mr Terry Piccolo and Mr Paul Newbury.

Terry is an outstanding contributor to community life in my ward, and Stanford-le-Hope entirely, and is a source of constant inspiration to many.

His endurance in helping resolve local issues is a great strength and as such, he deserves this award.

Congratulations, Terry.

Likewise to Paul – his contributions to the Hard of Hearing agenda for the borough are completely honourable and welcome. Well done.

It is so positive to see so many real life success stories here in our borders of Thurrock, of which I am sure we will see many more in the near distant future.

Once again, congratulations.

Councillor Shane Hebb, Stanford-le-Hope West

Bike advice

I WRITE in reply to J Bryant (YA Letters, Oct 5) regarding bikes stolen at Rayleigh Station.

Exactly the same thing happened to us at Thorpe Bay Station – my son returned from college to find his bicycle stolen, so frustrating.

The police recommended a motorcycle chain so we purchased a LUMA chain and padlock which cost £60 more than the second-hand replacement bike. The advice was that the chain is so thick and the links are so tight wrapped together that only the fire brigade would be able to cut through it.

The British Transport Police also gave him an IMMOBITAG for free, which is a tracking device supported by the Police and Government. (www.immobilise.com)

L Stevens, via e-mail

Where are the men?

IN reply to Z Jeffers (YA Letters, Sep 28), The Sun published an article saying that Gypsies are on £60K benefits between 25 families (Sept 23).

If this is true, it means that they have little or no money coming in so they would get help from the council, like it or not.

What I would like to know is where are the men? It has been said that they don't want their faces seen? Could it possibly be that they are working in Europe?

L Warren, Wickford

Give young people the right to vote

YOUNG people aged 16 and 17 can go to work, join the army and get married but are not able to vote on how their taxes are spent. This is absurd.

We all know that young people are increasingly disengaged from politics, but this country does very little to engage them.

While I was at sixth form, we had an active debating society and almost one in five young people belonged to the Young Liberals or Young

Conservatives.

Without a doubt, giving young people the chance to vote at college age may actually encourage them to take a more responsible role in shaping their society and break the downward spiral of ignorance and apathy.

We support the Electoral Reform Society and others working for Votes at 16.

**Steve Radford
President, The Liberal Party**

No more animals in circuses

A PUBLIC consultation by the previous Government showed that 94.5 per cent of the British public supported a total ban on the use of wild animals in UK circuses and a consultation by the Coalition this year showed similar results.

Furthermore, a debate in the House of Commons in June resulted in the majority of cross-party MPs voting for a total ban.

But despite this, Defra and David Cameron made the decision to go ahead with a licensing regime for the industry, which will be costly to the taxpayer and do nothing to address animal welfare and protection.

If this ban is not forthcoming, then violence against circus animals will inevitably continue to occur routinely, out of the public gaze.

I would urge readers not to encourage the use of animals for entertainment by refusing to visit any circus that includes performing animals.

**Patricia Hall,
Address supplied**

Some hope is better than no hope

TRUE to form, this year's Main Party conferences came across as just stage-managed ego trips, hypocrisy and meaningless declarations of intent.

They have all failed Britain with immigration, the economy, involvement in Europe, law and order and the Human Rights Act, yet they still have the gall to claim they know what is best for Britain.

A frustrating fact for those of us who take a chance on voting for smaller parties is that many other people agree with their policies but hold back from voting for them.

There is at least a realistic hope that stronger support would allow smaller parties to inject home truths into the sordid political scene without pussyfooting on any issue.

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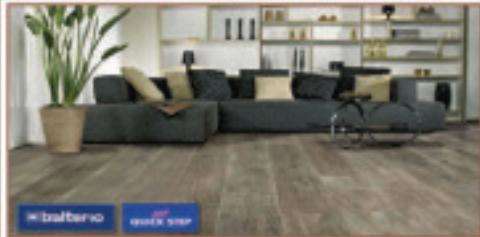


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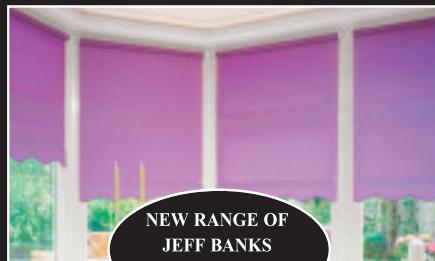
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4 categories: 0 - 9 months, 10 - 18 months, 19 months - 3 years and 4 - 6 years

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Relaxing at One Tree Hill

LIZ WADE and her son, Josh, enjoy a leisurely afternoon at One Tree Hill in Corringham

our verdict

One Tree Hill has a huge hill that you can climb up, but it doesn't have just one tree on it, there are lots of them. We thought there may have just been one when it got its name. We tried to find what looked like the oldest tree on the hill and I climbed up it, after mums gave me a leg-up. We did try to fly a kite on the hill but the wind had dropped so we couldn't. I'd like to go back to

One Tree Hill to try and fly the kite, and really want to try my sledge out on the hills there when it snows next.

Joshua Chambers, 10

A n interesting question sparked a long debate with Josh during a visit to a park in Corringham.

As soon as we pulled into the car park at One Tree Hill, Josh immediately asked why the park had been called that, when he could see several trees at the top of the hill.

I could see where he was coming from so we embarked on a discussion as to how we thought the area had got its name.

We eventually decided that there probably had been just one tree on the hill, many years ago when it got its name and as the park matured, many more began to grow in the area. (This is just a discussion between myself and my son, so don't take my word for it!)

Deciding this was a possibility, Josh then went on to try and find what looked like the oldest tree on the hill, which turned out to be quite a good climbing tree – after I managed to give him a leg-up to reach the branches.

One Tree Hill is part of Langdon Hills Country Park, which was awarded the Green Flag Award in 2010 and 2011, the national standard for parks and green spaces across England and Wales.

Although I am not sure where the name comes from, research shows that during the Saxon period, Langdon meant 'long hill'.

One Tree Hill extends from Dunton to Vange and is situated on a 385ft crescent-shaped hilly ridge. The main areas of the park cover around 400 acres – or 200 full-size football pitches.

Visitors will find ancient woodland dating back to prehistoric times, dense scrubland and grassland meadows blooming with flowers during the spring and summer.

There are also picnic areas, a network of footpaths and horse and cycle tracks linking to the surrounding countryside.

The park's woodland, which is carpeted with bluebells during the spring, has a range of different trees that attract many birds including all three native species of woodpecker. It is also home to the rare wild service tree.

The park is managed by the Thurrock Ranger Service in agreement with Essex County Council Ranger Service, which owns 20 per cent of the park.

The rangers carry out everything from tree-felling to hay making, keeping the park clean and tidy, and hosting educational visits, shows and demonstrations.

Their work is enhanced by The Friends of Langdon Hills who also do their bit to make the park an award-winning one, coppicing and clearing paths, as well as making bird boxes and bat boxes.

As well as this, they also help with a range of events at the park including Santa in the Woods, Tree Dressing, K9 Capers, Performance in the Park, and guided bike rides.

They also attend a variety of country shows such as Barleylands Country Fair and the Orsett Show, and organise a number of social events such as barbeques, badger watching or bat detecting.

The park is a delightful place to



GREEN: Josh hunts for the oldest tree.

fact file

■ DIRECTIONS: The One Tree Hill entrance to Langdon Hills Country Park can be found on One Tree Hill, Corringham, Essex, SS17 9NH. There is a car park that is free to use, but it does close in the evening so make sure you check the time on the gates. The visitors centre is located at the top of the hill, along with toilets and a picnic area.

■ OPENING TIMES: The park is open 365 days of the year from 8am until dusk.

■ ENTRANCE: The park is free to visit. The rangers service and Friends of Langdon run a number of events throughout the year, some of which have a small charge. Check out the website for more information.

■ FURTHER INFORMATION: Call the rangers office on 01268 542066 or visit www.thurrock.gov.uk/countryside/langdonhills

go, not only for its network of paths and its ancient woodlands, but for its amazing panoramic views over the Thames Estuary and across to London

As well as kite flying, the hill would be the perfect destination

for a bit of sledging if we get more than our fair share of snow again this year.

Having picked up a couple of sledges after last year's white flurry, we will certainly be heading for One Tree Hill this winter.

You can read about previous days out Liz and her boys have taken by logging on to www.yellowad.co.uk and clicking on 'Blogs'

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- Fun day, SE Essex Organic Gardeners, Apple Weekend, St Laurence Orchard, Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend, 10am-2pm, apple display, tasting, barbecue, plus pruning demonstration, wildlife trails and scavenger hunt, parking at new car park for St Laurence Park on new road going west from Eastwoodbury Lane, left at roundabout. Call 01702 213134.
- Apple Weekend Harvest Supper, SE Essex Organic Gardeners, St Mark's Centre, Princes Street, Southend, 5pm-9pm, educational films, local grown vegetable soup, quiz, discussions. Bring and share apple desserts and recipes plus drink. Tickets needed in advance, adults £2.50 and children £1, call 01702 213134.
- Big Breakfast, Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, 10am-1pm, also stalls, details Eva Hayes on 01268 683551.
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- Tenpin Bowling Club, Kursaal, Southend, (beginners welcome) 8-18 years, 9.30-

11.45am, first week free, enquiries Bob 01702 525311.

- Dad's and Kids Club, The Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
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- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, Leigh, every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, Saturday mornings, for membership details call Bob 01702 585584.

Sunday, October 16

- Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, Ron Spack, 01702 345247.
- Apple Weekend, SE Essex Organic Gardeners, Manchester Drive Allotments, Manchester Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, opposite Cricketfield Grove, 10am-12pm, Essex Orchard and WEN allotment, call 01702 213134.
- Fun day, SE Essex Organic Gardeners, Apple Weekend, Growing Together Community Gardens, 47 Fairfax Drive, Southend, 2pm-5pm, cider making, apple pressing, tasting, buying, crafts and cards, scavenger hunt, tea and coffee and more, call 01702 213134.
- Open, The Hockley and District Horticultural Society trading, every Sunday till the end of October, 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
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- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

Monday, October 17

- Illustrated talk, 'The Railway Came to Essex - Part 2' by Adrian Wright, Benfleet Camera Club, 8pm, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, call 01268 60849.
- Jazztet with Johnny Withers vibraphone/Chris English keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, call 01702 512819.
- Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm, 01268 465432.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group needs new members, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
- Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am, 01268 465432.
- Over 50's Social Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 2.30-4.30pm, £2.50 a session, board games, quizzes, pool, Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

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- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
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- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers all free at 1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
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- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, further details 07879 004744.

Tuesday, October 18

- Lunchtime Recorded Music, Committee Room 3, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend, 12.45pm-1.45pm, the 1.2, on Jazz No 15 from John Askew, admission free, call 01268 753487.
- Meeting, Laindon & District Horticultural Society, meet at 8pm on the third Tuesday of each month in the Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, Laindon, talk on gales, greenhouses and global warming, includes tea and biscuits, annual membership £7, visitors £1.50.
- Tea Dance, St Cedds Church, Bridge Street, Westcliff, 1.45pm, ballroom, latin and sequence, friendly group, 07767 406194.
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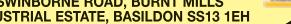
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■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Tennis, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 7.30-10.30pm, all welcome, £3.50 a session. 01268 779100.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Hall, by Morrisons, Tuesdays 1.45-3.45pm, come and try, no experience necessary, also Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm.

■ Card Making Classes, The Seniors' Club, Hullbridge Day Centre, Windermere Avenue, Hullbridge, Tuesdays 7-9pm. 01702 233098.

■ Running and Walking Club, Phoenix Striders, meet 7pm Laindon Community Centre, to leave 7.15pm, every Tuesday and Thursday. 07787 723860.

■ Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm. 01702 230480.

■ NCT Bumps and Babies, social group for expectant and new mums, Langham Hall, Langham Crescent, Billerica, every Tuesday 1-2.30pm. 01268 452781.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7.9-4.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8.30-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group. Michael 01268 527283.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

Wednesday, October 19

■ Meeting, Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group, Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30pm-4.30pm, AGM, tea and biscuits included, call Janet Wagstaff

on 01702 312959.

■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Ceilidh Club, Riga Music Bar, The Cricketers, London Road, Westcliff, live music from Garlic Spread, 8.30pm, call 01702 553622.

■ Breast Feeding Support Group, Blenheim Children's Centre, School Way, Leigh, 1-2.30pm, same time as Child Health Clinic, every Wednesday (term-time only).

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-noon, learn to paint and draw with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

■ Salsa, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm, no partner required. 01268 465854.

■ Line Dancing Lesson, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, to raise funds for church. 01268 281488.

■ Southend Vox Choir, Temple Sutton School, Southend, every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm, lively, fun choir for adults (18+), call Jo 07969 216366.

■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years. Sue 07917 573653.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Charlie 01777 623752.

■ Football Sessions for girls, Fryers Recreation Ground, £1 drop in sessions, every Wednesday, 6-7pm, community project supported by Basildon Council, in association with Leigh Celtic Girls FC. 07872 216558.

Thursday, October 20

■ Magic the Gathering Club, Dragon's Castle, 292 London Road, Westcliff, 7pm-10pm, age 12 to adult, entry £5 per player, loose cards and packs on sale, bring own deck to play and cards to swap, details 01702 213772.

■ Illustrated Talk - Flowers in Cape Province, South Africa by Gordon Reid, Westcliff United Reformed Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, 7.30pm, £1.50 donation, including refreshments.

■ Trinity Players present Night Must Fall by Emlyn Williams, Trinity Parish House, Southchurch Boulevard, Thursday to Saturday, 7.45pm with Saturday matinee at 3pm, refreshments and raffle, tickets £6, concessions £5, available on door or call 01702 584201.

■ Meeting, Leigh Royal British Legion, Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm, new members and visitors welcome, call 01702 389296.

■ Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1pm-3pm, with artist Paul Alcock, £7 per session, call 01702 615475.

■ Learn to Paint Landscapes in Water Colour with Trevor Shaw, for beginners and improvers, in Hadleigh Thursdays 10am-noon, further details 01702 558282.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Buddies Over 50s Singers Club at Anchor Pub, Benfleet, varied social events, come and make new friends, 8.30pm every Thursday, call Jill 01268 753667.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Ladies Dance and Prance, St Mark's Church Hall, Princess Street, Thursdays 7-8pm, all kinds of music and dancing, (non-profit making).

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Short Mat Bowls every Thursday at Castlevue School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island, 7pm start, All welcome. First month free, Call 01268 582193.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Whist Drive, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Marguerite Drive, Leigh, Thursdays 1.45pm, entry £1.20.

■ Drama/Social Club, working for Animal Charities, St George's Hall (near Tarpots), Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, new members needed, no acting experience required, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 697357.

■ Hit and Miss Table Tennis sessions, Hockey Table Tennis Club welcomes Juniors (under 16) between 5-7pm, coaching available (free), followed by those over 16 at 7.30-9.30pm, all ages and abilities, every Thursday, further details Trevor 07828 216726.

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Friday, October 21

■ Live Music, Jeremy Reynolds at The Preview Club, The Spread Eagle, Victoria Avenue, Prettlewell, Southend, 8.30pm, free entry, membership £1.

■ Mythbinder Pokemon Club, Dragon's Castle, 292 London Road, Westcliff, 7pm-10pm, aged eight to adult, entry £5 per player, loose cards and packs on sale, bring own deck to play and cards to swap, details 01702 213772.

■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, High Street, Old Leigh, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.15am-12.15pm, weekly watercolour class, beginners welcome, with pop lady artist, call Teresa Norfolk on 01702 307173.

■ Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty Essence Salon, 122 Alderney Garden, Runwell, Wickford, every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session to cover room hire, tea/coffee provided, all standards welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005.

■ Meeting, Southbase, Southend Unitarian Meeting House, Grange Gardens, every Friday 9am-2pm, offering advice and guidance on housing related issues.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Come and Try Driving, Gloucester Park Swimming Pool, every Friday 8-10pm, learn to scuba dive, details Paul 07802 643734.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking, 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

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If you want to try something different then there's also a number of

Persian dishes such as Dansak and Pathia, and Satkora dishes cooked Bangladeshi style, for you to choose from.

A range of value-for-money specials are on offer including its lunchtime menu, served from Monday to Saturday.

The menu, which costs just £8.95 per person (£2 extra for king prawn and Hash Jalfrezi dishes), is ideal for business lunches, while the restaurant's Sunday buffet is ideal for all the family.

The buffet, served from noon to 5.30pm, allows diners to eat as much as they like for just £6.95 per person, and only £3.95 for children under the age of 10.

The fully licensed and air conditioned restaurant is a great place to enjoy a meal with family or friends, or the perfect setting for a range of

celebrations. Whether it's an office party, function, birthday or anniversary, then Taste of Raj really is the ideal venue.

Christmas celebrations are also very popular at the restaurant and staff are now taking bookings for this year's festive season. Any interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

If you are planning a celebration elsewhere then look no further than the restaurant's outside catering service? The service is ideal for a range of celebrations and events, for which staff can provide a menu to suit.

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The restaurant, at 8 East Street, is open seven days a week, including Bank Holidays, from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Thursday; from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to midnight, on Friday and Saturday; and from noon to 11.30pm on Sunday.

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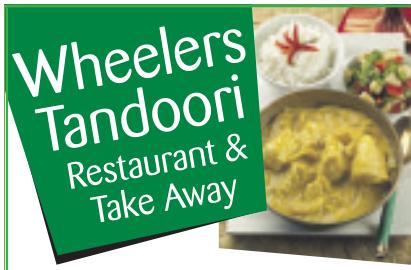
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This month, Love Canvey Soul will be joined by Georgie B on Saturday October 22, so put the date in your diary.

And next month, Roy Carter, the 'original singer from Heatwave and the Foundations' whose hits include Build Me Up Buttercup and Always and Forever, will be providing the entertainment on Saturday, November 5.

On Saturday, November 19, customers will then be entertained with the sounds of soul singer, Kenny Charles.

Suzanne Gray, owner of Bar Monico, said: "The nights have been amazing with everyone dancing, singing and having fun. It really has become Canvey Island's Premier Pure Solid Soul Night."

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The Shadhona, which opened its doors six years ago, is proud of its decor, which is completely different from the usual Indian theme.

Its interior, which concentrates on customer comfort, has just been repainted for the benefit of diners, giving the restaurant a fresher look.

It is the ideal setting for a mouth-watering meal, whatever the occasion, whether you want to enjoy a meal with the family, or mark a range of celebrations from birthdays to anniversaries.

Its menu offers a vast choice of dishes, all of which have their own unique tastes thanks to the restaurant's wide range of spices and ingredients.



The restaurant is justly proud of its popular Tandoori dishes, as well as its range of Chefs Special Recommendations including Rani Chicken, Moducash Murgh, Chicken Monchori, Chicken Nepali, Chicken Silchori and Butter Chicken.

Its Banquet Nights, held every Monday to Wednesday, give diners the ideal opportunity to try its outstanding dishes as they can enjoy anything from its vast menu for just £14.95, while its takeaway service,

available seven days a week with free home delivery, offers the perfect opportunity for customers to enjoy its fine cuisine in their own homes.

The restaurant is able to host charity evenings from Sunday to Thursday, for which it can give 50 per cent of the takings to a charity of your choice.

The Shadhona, which seats up to 70 diners, is fully licensed and air-conditioned with its own car park for customers.

The restaurant is now taking bookings for Christmas for which anyone interested is urged to call for further information and to book early to avoid disappointment.

It is open from noon to 2.30pm seven days a week, as well as from 6pm to 11pm, from Sunday to Thursday, and from 6pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

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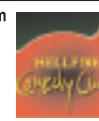
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The Essex three-piece is the first in a new breed of 'Indie New Romantics' and they're fast collecting an army of fans.

In fact, the band – which is made up of Simon Kinsler, Nick Burrows and Nigel Ward – will be launching their debut album, called Hypnotic Electronica, in Southend later this month.

"It's really exciting," says guitarist, Simon. "We sent the files off to iTunes at about 1am this morning and should have hard copies of the album back soon.

"It's quite an achievement, seeing as we all work full-time and

run our own businesses, but we had to put a date on it."

"One of my favourite quotes is by The Edge, from U2, who said 'Albums are never finished, just released', and that's so true.

"When you play them back, there's always something you want to change!"

Protege Reign formed around 16 months ago and sound like 'an electronic band stuck in a lift with Bernard Butler'. But they must be doing something right, as their atmospheric songs are attracting attention from filmmakers, who want to use them in their soundtracks, which Simon believes is 'the way forward'.

Protege Reign will be launching their debut album at Chinnery's on Saturday, October 22.

Tickets cost £3 – to book, visit www.chinnerys.co.uk

For more about the band, log on to www.protegereign.com



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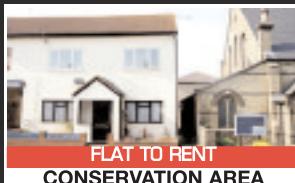
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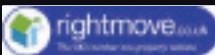
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Hawkwell £329,950



* Modern fitted kitchen * Double aspect lounge * Separate dining room * Ground floor cloakroom * 4/5 bedrooms * 5th Bed study room * Family bathroom with shower * Attached garage * Ref: ESHI486

Hockley £169,959



* Ideal first purchase * Two bedrooms * Through lounge-diner * Fitted kitchen * Gas central heating * Bath/shower room * South facing garden * Close to village centre and station * Ref: ESHI484

Ashingdon £219,995



* Extended Accommodation * Through Lounge/Diner * Fitted Kitchen * 4 Bedrooms * En-suite Shower Room * Conservatory * Family Bathroom en-suite * Gas Central Heating * 80' Secluded Garden * Ref: ESHI475

Ashingdon £285,000



* Favoured location * Through lounge/diner * Fitted kitchen * Gas central heating * Four bedrooms * Bath/shower room * Upvc double glazing * Established garden * No onward chain * Ref: ESHI488

Hawkwell £450,000



* Favoured Location * 3 Reception Rooms * Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room * Utility /Laundry Room * Ground Floor Cloakroom * 4 Double Bedrooms * Spacious Family Bath/Shower Room * Secluded South facing garden * Close to Leisure Centre * Ref: ESHI476



Hockley £375,000



* Set well back from the Road * Grounds approaching 1/2 acre * Lounge with feature fireplace * Spacious fitted Kitchen/Diner * 3 Bed rooms * Family Bath/Shower Room * Large Barn * Apple off screen parking * Part-Ex Considered * Ref: ESHI479

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Thundersley Guide Price £500,000 - £515,000

Executive Five Bedroom Detached Family Home - Exclusive Chase Development - Deceptively Spacious Accommodation - Lounge 18'10 x 15'3 - Dining Room 12'3 x 11'0 - Study 11'3 x 7'1 - New England Style Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room 14'9 x 14'5 With Rangemaster Cooker To Remain - Utility Room 11'3 x 5'0 - Bedroom One 17'1 x 13'11 With Ensuite Shower Room - Bedroom Two 14'10 x 12'7 With Ensuite Shower Room - Bedroom Three 15'3 x 11'0 - Bedroom Four 12'3 x 11'0 - Bedroom Five 12'2 x 7'5 Which Is Currently Fitted Out As A Dressing Room - Five Piece Family Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden With Sandstone Style Paved Patio To The Immediate Rear - Good Side Access Ways - Huge Block Paved Front Garden In Excess Of 60' Being Ideal For Off Street Parking For Numerous Vehicles - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre - Extremely Sought After Location - King John School Catchment - Viewing Is Essential

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North Benfleet £895,000

Beautiful Converted School House - Fantastic Semi Rural Location - Backing And Siding Onto Farm Land To Most Aspects - Separate Orchard Included In Price - Lounge 27'0 x 16'9 - Sitting Room 18'10 x 16'1 - Kitchen 28'0 x 22'10 - Reception Area 15'6 x 11'6 - Two Separate Ground Floor Cloakrooms - Ground Floor Bedroom Four 10'2 x 8'3 - Partly Double Glazed - Bedroom One 16'0 x 9'0 - Bedroom Two 12'5 x 10' - Bedroom Three 11'5 x 9'1 - Overall Grounds Being In Excess Of An Acre - Detached Double Garage - Numerous Out Buildings - Unique Opportunity - Scope And Potential To Make A Lovely Family Home Or Converted To Provide Accommodation For A Home Run Small Business (Subject To Building Regulations) - No Forward Chain - Vacant Possession - Must Be Seen To Appreciate The Accommodation On Offer - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £239,995

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet - Well Maintained Accommodation - Open Plan Lounge/Diner 22'11 x 9'9 - Newly Fitted Kitchen 10'8 x 9'5 - Office/Study 11'3 x 9'3 - Ground Floor Bedroom 10'9 x 10'0 - Ground Floor Four Piece Bathroom Suite - Bedroom Two 12'0 x 9'1 - Bedroom Three 11'7 x 10'1 - First Floor Shower Room - Good Size Rear Garden - Off Street Parking - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre With Its Shopping And Eating Facilities - Viewing Strongly Advised

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Benfleet £329,995

Stunning Refurbished Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow - No Expenses Spared By The Current Owner In Completing This Bungalow - King John School Catchment - Lounge 14'1 x 10'11 - Luxury Fitted Kitchen/Diner 16'1 x 11'11 - Bedroom One 11'11 x 10'9 With Luxury Fitted En-Suite Shower Room - Bedroom Two 13'0 x 9'4 - Bedroom Three 9'3 x 7'7 - Office/Study 6'6 x 6'0 - Luxury Fitted Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Completely Re-Wired And Re-Plumbed - Gas Central Heating - Double Glazed - Garage 13'6 x 10'5 - Easily Maintenance Free Rear Garden - Convenient Location - Easy Access Of Benfleet Station, High Road Shopping Facilities & Boyce Hill Golf Course - No Forward Chain - Ample Off Street Parking - Must Be Viewed Internally To Avoid Disappointment - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley £249,995

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet - Deceptively Spacious Accommodation - Lounge 15'3 x 13'10 - Games Room 14'4 x 11'0 - Kitchen 13'9 x 7'4 - Dining Room 11'2 x 11'0 - Bedroom Two 14'1 x 11'2 - Bedroom Three 11'2 x 11'0 - Ground Floor Bathroom - First Floor Master Bedroom Suite 28'8 x 12'3 - En-Suite Bathroom - Good Size Rear Garden - Ample Off Street Parking - Sought After Location Within Easy Access Of Rayleigh and Thundersley - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Westwood Estate, Hadleigh £279,995

Attractive Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow - Extremely Sought After Westwood Estate Location - Lounge 15'10 x 10'7 - Conservatory 11'0 x 9'7 - Kitchen 9'4 x 8'7 - Bedroom One 13'10 x 10'8 - Bedroom Two 9'5 x 8'7 - Three Piece Shower Room - Beautiful Gardens - Corner Plot In Excess Of 50' Wide - Off Street Parking - Detached Garage - Close To Local Woodland And Nature Reserve - Short Distance Of Hadleigh Town Centre - Well Maintained Accommodation - Viewing Advised

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Benfleet £250,000

Deceptively Spacious Four Bedroom Semi Detached House - Convenient Location - Lounge/Diner 27'0 x 13'2 - Kitchen 13'5 x 7'10 - Utility Area 8'1 x 5'7 - Conservatory 19'0 x 9'2 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 17'10 x 10'9 With Shower Cubical - Bedroom Two 12'2 x 9'1 - Bedroom Three 12'2 x 6'10 - Bedroom Four 8'9 x 8'9 - Family Bathroom Suite - Good Size Decked Rear Garden - Off Street Parking - Detached Garages Further Parking - Easy Access Of A130, A127 & A13 - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Eastwood £190,000

A traditional two bedroom semi detached bungalow located within a peaceful cul de sac position close to Eastwood shops. Inside the property offers spacious well presented living accommodation and we would recommend an immediate appointment to view.

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Rayleigh £194,995

Attractive three bedroom family home positioned within a peaceful setting close to Grove Wood School. The property features a double glazed conservatory overlooking the garden and re-fitted kitchen and bathroom suites. Outside is an attractive courtyard style garden and garage. No onward chain - Quick Sale Possible.

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Rayleigh £346,995

Spacious three bed detached chalet - Stunning 60ft approx rear garden with further 120ft approx wooded area to rear - Lounge - Kitchen with cream units - Conservatory - Ground floor bathroom - First floor shower with double size shower cubicle - Garage and off street parking - Double glazed -

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Rayleigh £242,500

An exceptionally spacious four bedroom end terrace family house affording well planned adaptable living accommodation and offering many fine features. Situated in this popular and convenient residential area close to all amenities and within Grovewood and Fizwincar catchment area. The property benefits three reception rooms, en-suite to master bedroom, conservatory, shower room, fitted kitchen and garage, early viewing advised.

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Rayleigh £229,995

A deceptively spacious well appointed two bedroom semi detached bungalow including good size rooms, a spacious deluxe bathroom, extensively fitted Shaker style kitchen and a magnificent 170ft approx rear garden backing directly onto open playing fields. Highly recommended.

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Rayleigh £249,000

An attractive detached two bedroom bungalow benefiting from delightful rear garden within a sought after area being literally yards from Rayleigh High Street. Properties rarely become available in this location and applicants are advised to arrange an immediate viewing. No onward chain.

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Rayleigh £209,995

Attractive two bedroom semi detached bungalow positioned within sought after location close to local shops, Rayleigh High Street, Grove Wood School and local Countryside. The bungalow is very well decorated and offered for sale with no onward chain.

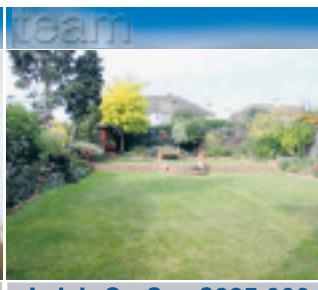
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Rayleigh £249,995

An extremely attractive three bedroom end terrace family house situated opposite open farmland with the benefit of 7 years approx remaining on the original NHBC Protection Certificate. The property affords deceptively spacious beautifully appointed family accommodation with the emphasis on elegant luxury living incorporating,

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Leigh-On-Sea £625,000

A unique and imposing fully detached four bedroom character residence situated on the highly favoured Marine Estate within Westleigh schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh main line station. This distinctive property affords spacious well planned and beautifully appointed living accommodation with the emphasis on elegant luxury living.

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Rayleigh £199,000

A delightful older style three bedroom semi detached family house within easy access of local schools and shops. The property affords spacious well planned living accommodation with off street parking and an established rear garden with Southerly aspect.

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Hockley £1,100 pcm

Four bedroom semi detached house which benefits from a lounge, luxury fitted kitchen, dining room, lean to, utility room and cloakroom to the ground floor and ensuite to master. Situated in this extremely convenient location in Hockley being within easy access of Hockley Station, local amenities.

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Hadleigh £850 pcm

Spacious three bedroom semi detached house, offering two reception rooms, newly fitted kitchen & off street parking. This property is situated within a convenient location close to all local amenities. Available immediately.

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Eastwood £875 pcm

Totally refurbished three bedroom semi detached chalet, situated within a quiet cul de sac yet close to all local amenities. This property benefits from a modern fitted kitchen & bathroom, double glazed throughout & gas central heating. Viewings strongly recommended.

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LETTINGS



Rayleigh £625 pcm

Ground floor retirement property situated within a pleasant development on the edge of the Town Centre. The apartment features two bedrooms, a large bright lounge, fitted kitchen and shower room. Keys are held for an immediate viewing appointment.

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NEW INSTRUCTION



PRITTLEWELL OIEO £129,000

* LOCATED CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION AND SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE IS THIS DELIGHTFUL GROUND FLOOR FLAT * Two bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garage * Communal Garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating * A share of the freehold * Ref:ETS4507

NEW PRICE



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA OIEO £169,999

* DELIGHTFUL SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW IDEALLY SITUATED FOR LOCAL SHOPS AND BUS ROUTES * Three bedrooms * Lounge * Conservatory * Kitchen * Bathroom * Garden * Off street parking for four cars * Double glazing * Gas central heating * No onward chain * Ref: ETS4402

ESTUARY VIEWS



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA OIEO £139,995

* IMPRESSIVE TWO BEDROOM MIDDLE FLOOR FLAT WITH VIEWS OVER THE THAMES ESTUARY * Lounge * Kitchen * Inner hall * Bathroom/wc * Double glazed windows * Gas central heating * Ref: ETS4414

SEMI RURAL



ASHINGDON £225,000

* ATTRACTIVE SEMI DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW WHICH ENJOYS A SEMI RURAL LOCATION AND APPROX 160FT GARDEN * Two bedrooms * Lounge / Dining room * Kitchen * Utility room * Study * Bathroom * Garden * Off street parking for more than one car * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4494

POPULAR AREA



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA OIEO £185,000

* MODERN STYLE SEMI DETACHED FAMILY CHALET HOUSE SITUATED IN PLEASANT RESIDENTIAL AREA * Three bedrooms * Lounge * Dining room * Kitchen * Bathroom & Separate wc * Ground floor cloakroom * Garden * Summer house * Garage * Off street parking * Gas central heating * Ref:ETS4503

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PARKING**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £495 pcm**

- * GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN THE HEART OF SOUTHPED NEAR 'PORTERS' AND CLOSE TO SOUTHPED TOWN CENTRE AND MAINLINE STATIONS
- * One double bedroom
- * Lounge
- * Kitchen
- * Bathroom
- * Off street parking
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1161

CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £550 pcm**

- * GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CENTRAL TOWN LOCATION
- * Two bedroom
- * Lounge
- * Kitchen with integrated oven
- * Bathroom
- * Gas central heating
- * Direct access to garden
- * Unfurnished
- * Convenient for mainline stations
- * Ref: R383

NEW INSTRUCTION**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £580 pcm**

- * SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR FLAT PROVIDING EASY ACCESS TO LOCAL AMENITIES AND TRANSPORT LINKS
- * Two bedrooms
- * Lounge
- * Kitchen
- * Bathroom
- * Garden
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1720

TOWN CENTRE LOCATION**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £590 pcm**

- * TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN THE HEART OF SOUTHPED, CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE, MAINLINE STATIONS AND LOCAL BUS ROUTES
- * One double bedroom
- * One single bedroom
- * Lounge
- * Kitchen/Diner
- * Bathroom
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R917

RECENTLY REFURBISHED**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £595 pcm**

- * NICELY PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENTLY SITUATED FOR SOUTHPED TOWN CENTRE
- * One double bedroom
- * One single bedroom
- * Lounge
- * Kitchen with appliances
- * Bathroom
- * Communal garden
- * Allocated parking space
- * Double glazing
- * Electric storage heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1716

FAMILY HOUSE**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £800 pcm**

- * SPACIOUS FAMILY TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENTLY SITUATED FOR LOCAL BUS ROUTES AND AMENITIES
- * Three double bedrooms
- * Through lounge/diner
- * Large kitchen/breakfast room
- * Bathroom
- * Courtyard garden
- * Mostly double glazed
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1225

CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £800 pcm**

- * SPACIOUS FAMILY TERRACE HOUSE IN CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR HAMLET COURT ROAD, MAINLINE STATION AND BUS ROUTES
- * Three double bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Kitchen
- * Bathroom
- * Garden
- * Double glazing
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1676

SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £850 pcm**

- * TERRACE HOUSE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA CONVENIENT FOR SOUTHPED TOWN CENTRE AND LOCAL BUS ROUTES
- * Three double bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Kitchen
- * Shower room
- * Garden
- * Double glazing
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: 1718

NEW INSTRUCTION**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £900 pcm**

- * LARGE THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK
- * Two double bedrooms
- * One single bedroom
- * Two reception rooms
- * Fitted kitchen
- * Bathroom
- * Garden 100ft approx
- * Garage
- * Off street parking
- * Double glazing
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1609

CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £995 pcm**

- * BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN A SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- * Close to Victoria station, local bus routes & Priory Park
- * Three double bedrooms
- * One single bedroom
- * Three reception rooms
- * Newly fitted kitchen
- * Bathrooms & ground floor wc.
- * Large garden
- * Off street parking
- * Double glazing
- * Gas central heating
- * Unfurnished
- * Ref: R1489

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SOUTHEND £177,500

LOTS OF SPACE... In favoured (Greenways catchment) road, attractive 3 bed family house close shops, station, seafront etc. Two receptions, study. Gas central heating. Double glazing. No onward chain. Good value. Ref: ebe2851



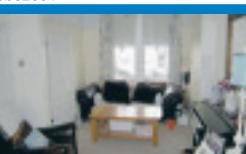
SOUTHEND £164,995

SUPER SEMI CHALET... Offering spacious and versatile accomodation, 2/3 bedroom property requiring some updating. Off street parking, double glazing, gas central heating, no onward chain. Ref: ebe2840



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £170,000

LOTS OF ROOM... three bedroom, two reception end terrace house. Cloaks/wc, lean to/utility, cloaks/wc, double glazing, gas c/h, storage unit in back garden. Very close to shops, station and amenities. No onward chain. Ref: ebe2839



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £144,995

BIT OF A BARGAIN... In favoured Southchurch Village, close to shops, station etc, two double bedroom cottage with double glazing, gas central heating, good decorative order. Ideal first purchase or investment. Ref: ebe2759



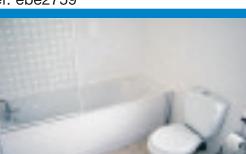
SOUTHEND £114,950

DO'ER UPPER! Requiring renovation - three bedroom house backing south. Close to shops, station, schools etc. Rare opportunity. Ideal as investment. No onward chain. Quick sale only. Ref: ebe2823



SOUTHEND £112,000

A POSH APARTMENT... In favoured development, two double bedroom first floor apartment. Allocated parking. Modern kitchen and bathroom. Economy electric heating. Sensibly priced for quick sale. No onward chain. Ref: ebe2831



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £104,995

FINE FIRST FLOOR FLAT.... In popular area, close to shops, station etc, excellent one bedroom flat. Own entrance door, modern kitchen and bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing. Must be viewed. Ref: ebe2848



SOUTHEND £99,950

TWO FOR YOU... 2 bedroom first floor flat with direct access to own garden. Gas central heating, double glazing, modern kitchen and bathroom. Close to stations and town centre. No onward chain. A bargain, so be quick! Ref: ebe2828



SOUTHEND £900 PCM

A SUPER SEMI... Three bedroom house in popular area close to airport. Loft room. Large garden. Utility room. Off street parking. Available from end of month. DSS with working guarantor only. Recommended. Ref: ebe2626

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Q. My widowed mother died recently, and as executor I am responsible for selling her house. How do I go about this?

A. The first thing you need to do is to have the property valued, since your late mother's entire estate will have to be assessed for inheritance tax. Most estate agents will happily provide a formal written valuation of this kind for a small fee, which may either be waived on the understanding that in due course they will be instructed to handle the sale, or deducted from their commission if and when that sale is achieved.

Obviously, if for some reason you choose to get more than one valuation, then it is likely that you will end up paying at least one fee upfront. However, you are entitled to be reimbursed by the estate for any such expenses you incur while discharging your duties as executor.

As for the actual contents of the house, these also need to be valued for inheritance tax purposes – although in the case of ordinary household goods and personal possessions, you can easily do this yourself by providing a lump sum figure. This need only reflect their current market value, not their price when new. However, with items of any real value – for example, anything over £500, such as jewellery and so forth -- it is advisable to have a professional valuation.

You will also need to apply to the court for a grant of probate – the legal authority you must obtain before you can begin administering the estate. Probate will only finally be granted, however, once any tax liability has been paid in full.

Once you have the grant of probate, you are then free to sell the house in the usual way (always remembering, of course, that as executor you are legally bound to get the best possible price on behalf of any beneficiaries), and to distribute the contents in accordance with your mother's will, or dispose of them as appropriate.

If time is critical, the law does actually allow you to put the house on the market before probate is formally granted. However, this must be in place before contracts can finally be exchanged. In such a case, you should ensure that any prospective buyers are made fully aware of the situation.

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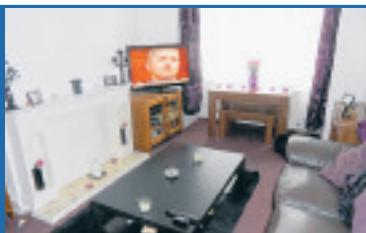
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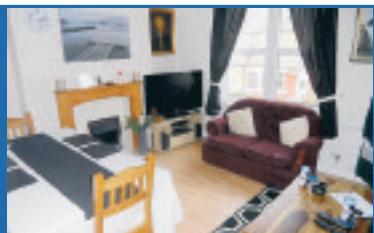
SHOEBURY £99,995

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WESTCLIFF ON SEA £85,000

LOCATED IN WESTCLIFF NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT WITH GARDEN. THE PROPERTY HAS A LOUNGE, KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND IS LOCATED WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF CHALKWELL PARK.



SHOEBURY £119,950

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT WITH OWN GARDEN, THE PROPERTY ALSO OFFERS OFF STREET PARKING, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING IDEAL FOR A FIRST TIME BUYER. KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWINGS.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £89,995

LOCATED WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE AND THE SEAFRONT NORTON PROPERTIES ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THIS ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT. THE FLAT HAS A SECURITY ENTRY SYSTEM, NO ONWARD CHAIN, FITTED KITCHEN AND THREE PIECE BATHROOM SUITE.



THE GARRISON £194,950

A SUPERB CONTEMPORARY TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT ON THE EVER POPULAR GARRISON DEVELOPMENT. THE APARTMENTS ACCOMMODATION COMPRISES OF EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM TO MASTER BEDROOM, MODERN FITTED BATHROOM, LOUNGE/DINER WHICH IS OPEN PLAN TO A FITTED KITCHEN WITH INTEGRATED APPLIANCES, PARKING AND WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF THE SEAFRONT AND TRAIN STATION..



WESTCLIFF £35,000

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SOUTHEND ON SEA £75,000

NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND SEAFRONT AND WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF THE TOWN CENTRE AND SOUTHEND TRAIN STATIONS.



THE GARRISON £850

A SUPERB TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR PENTHOUSE APARTMENT SITUATED WITHIN THE HISTORICAL SHOEBURY GARRISON ADJACENT TO THE CRICKET GREEN. THE PROPERTY HAS MODERN FITTED KITCHEN OPENPLAN TO LOUNGE, EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM, OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER BEING WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO BEACH, SHOPS AND RAILWAY LINKS TO LONDON.



LEIGH £625

*****MODERN ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT MINUTES FROM LEIGH BROADWAY**** Large ground floor flat, spacious double bedroom, large kitchen diner with built in oven & hob. Modern bathroom with shower. Small Rear Garden*****WOULD SUIT SINGLE PROFESSIONAL ****

WESTCLIFF £625

*****WALKING DISTANCE TO STATION & HAMLET COURT ROAD***** Located South of the railway line Norton Properties offer this One bedroom First floor flat which is located within easy access of the seafront and local shops in Hamlet Court Road the property has a Lounge 20'10 x 12' Fitted kitchen, Bathroom & separate toilet.



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SOUTH BENFLEET £325,000

- * Located within a short walk of Benfleet mainline station
- * Spacious & well presented detached family home
- * Three/four bedrooms
- * Dressing room to master bedroom (formerly bedroom 4)
- * Large entrance hallway
- * Modern & well fitted kitchen/diner
- * Large open plan lounge
- * 60' South facing rear garden
- * Independent driveway
- * Garage (currently used as study)



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THUNDERSLEY £209,995

- * Located in a popular tree lined turning
- * Three bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow
- * King John school catchment
- * Lounge with bay window & feature fireplace
- * Two ground floor bedrooms
- * Modern 3pce ground floor bathroom
- * Separate dining room
- * Modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- * 1st floor double bedroom
- * Further potential for roof expansion (subject to planning)
- * UPVC double glazing



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HADLEIGH £185,000

- * Located in exceptionally quiet cul-de-sac on the "Westwood Estate"
- * Vacant semi detached bungalow
- * Two bedrooms
- * 3pce bathroom suite
- * Fitted kitchen
- * Good size lounge
- * Detached garage & independent driveway
- * Double glazing throughout
- * Gas central heating
- * No onward chain

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HADLEIGH O.I.E.O. £315,000

- * Located in quiet cul-de-sac
- * King John school catchment
- * Detached family home
- * Four double bedrooms, 2 with en-suites
- * Lounge to front
- * Separate dining room
- * 19' kitchen/diner
- * Ground floor cloakroom
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- * Semi detached bungalow
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Most furnished properties will include kitchen goods. We'd say this was a fair allocation per tenant: dinner plate, bowl, small plate, cutlery (fork, knife, spoon and teaspoon) plus a mug or two. Some glass tumblers, maybe some wine glasses is fair too.

Regarding cooking items, a few saucepans and a frying pan is fine, along with some utensils. You may want to add other items such as a bread board, tin opener and bread knife too. But there isn't much need to provide more.

If you're letting for the first time, talk to your prospective tenants and see what they will be bringing with them. They may well have a full complement of equipment and you'll be keen to avoid the expense. If they have nothing, it's relatively cheap to provide the basics. There is certainly no need to be lavish and sets can be bought for next to nothing. After all, fully expect stuff to get broken as they would in any household.

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The 100 percent mortgage is available to buyers of the two, three and four bedroom homes priced under £250,000 at Northfields, with a parent or grandparent guaranteeing 25 percent of the value against an existing owned property. Prices currently start at £172,500 for a two bedroom terraced house.

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"With huge demand from people looking to rent properties in Essex, Morello Quarter and Hawkins Wharf are ideal for investors looking to make a timely profit in the property market," said Bob Weston of Weston Homes.

Beat the recession

In addition to good rental returns, research shows that the prices of new homes in parts of Essex, located within close proximity to London's tube network, have generally held firm and attract top prices.

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Petrol stations have now replaced corner shops as a major community resource in many areas of the UK, combining the services of the corner shop, bank, take-away cafe and car wash facility. But their popularity has also led to increased levels of crime, as they have become a target for crooks.

A survey recently revealed that petrol stations are the third highest in the league table for robberies in the UK's retail trade, with the oil industry losing £47.2million last year as a result.

It's a trend which is obviously costing the oil industry a large amount of money, but ultimately, those costs have to be passed on to someone – the motorist.

There are, however, mea-



sures the ordinary driver can take to help minimise opportunities for the criminal:

■ Always lock your car when you leave it at the pump to pay for fuel – many vehicles have been driven off as the owner browses the confectionery.

■ Do not leave children in an unattended vehicle while you are in the shop.

■ Always take the car key with you. Carjackers may seize the opportunity to drive away a vehicle with the ignition key still in it, even if there are other passengers.

■ Never leave any valu-

ables on display. Ensure they are locked in the boot or glovebox. Briefcases, laptops, mobile phones and bags are all open invitations to the opportunist thief, even if you are only away from the car for minutes.

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Honda keeps its eyes on the prize

by Steve Walker

AT AN equivalent price to a moderately well-equipped family hatchback and with most of the practicality you get from such a car, Honda's Insight hybrid is an important model in the drive for cleaner vehicles.

Will enough people choose its 64mpg and 96g/km emissions over the greater performance and fun of a more conventional model? Much will depend on whether we can come round to the Insight's way of thinking.

The car has recently, and not for the first time, had its suspension tweaked for a more comfortable ride and further gains in quality have made the interior a smarter proposition.

It all helps bolster the Insight's appeal, but the headline news for the latest round of revisions is the sub-100 g/km emissions figure to take full advantage of the available tax breaks.

Those of you with good memories might remember the original 1999 Insight, which introduced hybrid engine technology to the UK market.

It was a quirky economy coupe with back wheels half hidden beneath its bodywork and a claimed 83mpg combined fuel economy. It looked as you'd imagine a car of the future might - weird. Almost nobody bought it.

Despite the lack of commercial success, Honda had set the hybrid ball rolling and its follow up, the

2003 Civic IMA saloon, was more palatable for the public. Not as palatable as the Toyota Prius, however – the car which stole Honda's thunder with its star-studded celebrity endorsements and got people talking about hybrid cars.

With the latest Civic IMA continuing to battle it out with the latest Prius, Honda is positioning the Insight as the affordable hybrid. It's a move which could easily find favour amongst the large numbers of people who are more interested in saving money than the planet, but would be delighted if they can do both.

So can the Insight change the way we drive and if so, how's it going to do it? The obvious answer is that with just 87bhp, a CVT automatic gearbox and a leisurely 0-60mph sprint of 12.5s, owners can attempt to drive as fast as they like but their efforts are likely to be thwarted.

Eventually, drivers should get the aggression out of their systems and settle into the Insight's way of doing things. The central instrument read out is the key to all this.

Drive in a relaxed manner, tickling the throttle underfoot like it were a giant over-ripe strawberry, and the dash glows in a calming green light.

Get a bit over enthusiastic and the green hue fades, eventually turning blue if you're getting carried away.

Maintain a green approach and a little plant symbol illuminates on the Insight's display as a reward,

it's possible to get up to five of these sprouts lit but you might need to fit a sail to achieve this.

At the end of your journey the car will give you an average rating to show how eco-friendly you've been.

It also has Honda's clever IMA petrol/electric drivetrain to fall back on. The engine is a 1.3-litre unit based on the one in the Civic Hybrid and featuring a series of neat innovations.

During deceleration, the cylinders are closed off by the VCM (Variable Cylinder Management) system to boost efficiency and numerous modifications have been made to reduce friction inside the engine. The petrol unit might only have 87bhp but it is assisted by a

14bhp electric motor driven by power from a bank of nickel hydride batteries under the boot floor.

These are recharged by energy reclaimed from the wheels when braking or coasting.

This Insight is a massively less challenging vehicle to look at than the original oddball coupe, but Toyota might be less enamoured with the shape than the rest of us because of the resemblance it bears to the Prius.

Honda stuck with a hatchback design to ensure the car's compatibility with European tastes and despite being a little hefty around the hindquarters, it's a sleek and mildly futuristic shape, and the five-door body style of the Insight

opens up the possibility of using it as a family car.

Honda's Insight is a car that not only aims to cut its emissions through advanced technological solutions, it also seeks to modify the behaviour of its drivers – turning them into an army of chilled out eco-warriors.

By presenting a whole range of information about how efficiently you're driving, it's a car with real potential to alter the way we think about getting from A to B.

Honda's aim of producing a more affordable and accessible hybrid car is a laudable one, but by bringing the technology to the masses, the brand is also hoping to turn a tidy profit. There's nothing wrong with that.



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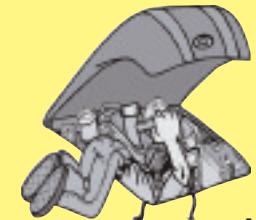
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I Nigel Frederick Brooks hereby make application for a Premises Licence in respect of Brooks Café 195 Seaford Drive Littleton, Essex SS1 4JH. The relevant licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on are the provision of late night refreshment and the supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises on Sundays to Thursdays from 11.00 to 00.00, and the playing of recorded music on Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 to 23.00, Saturdays from 9.00 to 23.00, and on Sundays from 9.30 to 23.00. Interested parties and responsible authorities may make representations to the Licensing Authority (Southend-on-Sea Borough Council). All such representations shall be made in writing by 2nd November 2011. Representations should be sent to the Licensing Authority, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Civic Centre Victoria Avenue Southend-on-Sea Essex SS2 6ZG. A record of the application and the statutory register of the Licensing Authority, may be inspected at the Council's office address given above, between 8.30 am and 4.45 pm on Mondays to Fridays (except Bank Holidays). It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000).

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